(c) by when the project is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Two irrigation projects of Gujarat namely modernization of Machchu-1 and Bakrol Water Resources Project have been received in Central Water Commission (CWC) for techno-economic appraisal. Machchu-1 project has been accepted by the Advisory Committee of this Ministry subject to certain observations. The Bakrol Water Resources Project is under correspondence for clarifications on water availability, utilization, updated cost and benefit-cost ratio etc.

(c) Clearance of the projects is linked to the promptness with which the State Government complies with the outstanding observations of the various Central Appraising Agencies.

Special technique for Water Conservation Scheme

†4382. PROF. R. B. S. VARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to bring into experiment any special technique for water conservation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the quantum of water that could be conserved by this technique per year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) Government of India is promoting rain water harvesting through artificial recharge of ground water and roof-top rain water harvesting. Central Ground Water Board has taken up a Central Sector Scheme on "Studies of Recharge of Ground Water" on pilot basis. Under the scheme, 174 schemes have been approved in various parts of the country during Ninth Five Year Plan, which has been proposed to be extended during the Tenth Five Year Plan with an outlay of Rs. 200.00 crore. The quantum of water conserved by this technique depends on the local geophysical conditions, intensity and pattern of rainfall and the extent to which the states are able to involve the community.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.